Shayna Mittler van Hoften

Senior Counsel

Shayna assists local government agencies with a variety of legal issues, and non-governmental entities with government-related challenges and opportunities.

On behalf of public-sector clients, Shayna advises clients on government ethics and governance laws, public procurements, contracting including negotiating intergovernmental agreements, ADA and other civil rights compliance, implementation of public grant programs, regulatory compliance, administrative procedures, incident/risk management and constitutional matters. She also assists local public agencies by drafting all forms of legislation and regulation.

Shayna works with public, private and individual clients in their efforts to support or oppose state and local initiatives, and in efforts to influence other agencies' rule-making proceedings, primarily by penning written and oral public comment.

Shayna's local government clients include transit districts, cities, water districts, regional planning agencies, joint powers agencies, and hospital and health care districts. Shayna frequently advises clients on compliance with the Brown Act, Public Records Act, election laws and conflict of interest laws. She has developed and presented numerous trainings covering such laws and regulations, and she serves as the firm's primary AB-1234-compliant government ethics trainer.

During law school, Shayna clerked for the city attorney for the City and County of San Francisco and Disability Rights Advocates.

Professional Affiliations

League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Committee

Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC), Women's Leadership Summit Planning Committee

California Political Attorneys Association

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law (2004)

M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley (2003)

B.A., Pomona College (1997)

Admissions And Courts

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Practices/Industries

Public Agency

Political & Election Law

Government Ethics

Government Relations

Government

Shayna has been licensed to practice law in the State of California since 2004. Prior to attending graduate and law school, Shayna worked in state and federal government affairs in Washington, D.C.

Representative Work

Regularly assists public transit providers in complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, including working together to analyze fare and service changes with potentially discriminatory effects on minority and low-income populations, and to develop Limited English Proficiency Language Implementation Plans.

Worked with public transit clients to develop context-specific policies for accommodation of electric personal assistive mobility devices for passengers with disabilities.

Co-drafted Proposition 86, which sought to fund health insurance coverage for approximately 800,000 uninsured children in California by raising the State tax on tobacco products.

Publications

"New Gift Rules Effective January 1, 2012," co-author, *Public Agency Alert* (December 2011)

Presentations

AB-1234-compliant Local Government Ethics Law Trainings, approximately 50 sessions (2006-2013)

"Current Issues in Public Agency Law," County Counsels' Association (September 2012)

"Campaign Financing, Election Law and FPPC Matters," Northern California County Counsels (March 2012)

See All Presentations

Honors

MMANC Booster Award